

Annual Conimicut Cup Regatta

29 August, 2026 (Saturday)

Organizing Authority: Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA), in conjunction
with Hobie Fleet 448 of Hobie North America Division 12
Hosted by: Hobie Fleet 448, at Conimicut Point Reach
Warwick, RI 02889, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2025-2028 and the International Hobie Cat Association (IHCA) Class Rules, 2025-2028.
- 1.2 Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are required equipment to be worn, in amplification of RRS 40.1 and IHCA 8.1.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) is required.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows to read: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident, or”

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & INFORMATION MEETING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the official notice board located on the Fleet 448 website prior to the race day.
- 2.2 There will be a **Competitor’s Meeting** on 29 August at 10:00am at the Conimicut Point Beach boat launch area.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 24 hours prior to the first scheduled race, or provided at the Competitors’ meeting.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 There shall be 1 day of racing - with at least 4 races planned.
- 4.2 The scheduled first warning signals will be at 12:00am. There will be no warning signal after 4:00 pm.
- 4.3 This schedule takes precedence over paragraph 7 of the Notice of Race (NOR).

5 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be a Yellow background with a Black Flying Hobie “H” for all Hobie 16s.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located in the Conimicut Reach of the Providence River. See addendum B, below.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 HCA Standard Course 1: (S) – A – C – A – (F), or Standard Course 5: (S) – A – C – (F) will be used, depending on the wind conditions and time available. See addendum A, below. Other courses may be specified by the RC and announced at the Competitor’s meeting. All marks shall be left to port when rounding.
- 7.2 The “G” option for a Gate will not be displayed by the RC. The leeward mark will be a single mark, which shall be left to port.
- 7.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC may display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg, in addition to the race number and Standard Course.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Rounding marks will be a combination of fixed and drop marks, tentatively:
 - 8.1.1 Mark A: Yellow Inflatable tetrahedron drop mark.
 - 8.1.2 Mark C: Yellow Inflatable tetrahedron drop mark.
 - 8.1.3 Fixed marks will be navigation marks.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing pin will be an Orange inflatable ball drop mark. Once the line is set for the first race, the pin may not be adjusted for subsequent races, even if wind direction shifts, based on RC manning and available time.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel, and the course side of the starting pin mark, as described in Instruction 8.2. The starting area will be North of Conimicut Point Light, in the vicinity just south of Green Channel Marker "19", and west of Red Channel Marker "18".
- 9.2 The starting sequence will be as described in RRS 26.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing pin mark, as described in Instruction 8.1 and 8.2.
- 10.2 The time limit specified for each race under RRS 35 will be 45 minutes.
- 10.3 Boats not completing the course within 20 minutes of the first finishing boat shall be scored as time limit expired (TLE). Boats finishing with time limit expired will be scored DNF, unless the race is abandoned.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. *This changes RRS 44.1 and Appendix V1.*

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When four (4) or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 RRS Appendix A will be used for scoring. The Low Point System (A4) and RRS 90.3 will apply for each race and class. Series ties will be resolved per A8.
- 12.4 Competitors are advised to ensure compliance with RRS G.1.2(a)(3) (Identification of Sails - Specifications). Failure to comply without prior notification and concurrence of the Race Committee may result in a protest under RRS G4 and a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number or boat name to the RC Signal Vessel before the start of the first race. A boat is checked in when the RC acknowledges her by repeating her sail number or boat name.
- 13.2 A competitor that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 13.3 Competitors shall wear a life jacket at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, per RRS 40.1 and 40.2, and IHCA 8.1. Such device shall verifiably meet the requirements of either the sailor's national authority or of the government regulations that apply in the racing area. The penalty for failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- 13.4 The life jacket must be worn outside of all clothing, except that a thin shirt may be worn over the life jacket to prevent snagging. The life jacket may also be worn in such a way that a full trapeze harness is secured over the life jacket.
- 13.5 Sailors are strongly recommended to use trapeze harnesses with a quick release hookless system or a quick release hook, which meets the ISO 10862 standard. If sailors wish to wear head protection, it is strongly recommended that they use helmets of European standard EN1385.

14 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Substitution of competitors between races shall be allowed with prior verbal approval of the Race Committee. This changes RRS 48.2 and IHCA class rule 17.2. Minimum class weights must be maintained for all races.
- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Boats should carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving international channels. All radio communications between the RC and Competitors will be on VHF channel 69, or if designated differently at the Competitor's meeting.
- 15.2 Various race information may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual or audible signals, which shall govern the conduct of the racing.
- 15.3 Except in an emergency, and before the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

16 AWARDS

- 16.1 Conimicut Cup Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony ashore at the end of the day, after the conclusion of racing and scoring, at 72 Shawomet Avenue, Warwick.
- 16.2 The winner shall be awarded 1st place. For more than five boats in a class, a second and third place will also be awarded. Five competitors are needed to constitute a class.
- 16.3 The RC may confer additional informal awards.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, (See RRS 3, Decision to Race). It is the personal responsibility of each competitor to determine their level of safety. The Organizing Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. RRS 81, Indemnification, is hereby deleted.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

19 SPECIAL NOTES

- 19.1 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark vessels shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). *This changes RRS rule A5.* The RC may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.
- 19.2 The RC may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

Addendum A – Illustrating the Course

No.	Course	Finish
1	(S) A - C - A	(F) Downwind
5	(S) A - C	(F) Upwind

S = Start, A = Weather Mark, B = Reaching Mark, C = Leeward Mark, GATE = Gate (not used), F = Finish

NOTE: Colors and/or shape of marks used in illustrations may not accurately represent the actual color or shape of marks used on the actual race course. Course 5 is modified, as shown. Refer to SI 8, 9 and 10.

COURSE 1 and 2 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 1: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

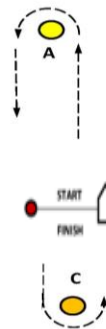
COURSE 2: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – A – FINISH

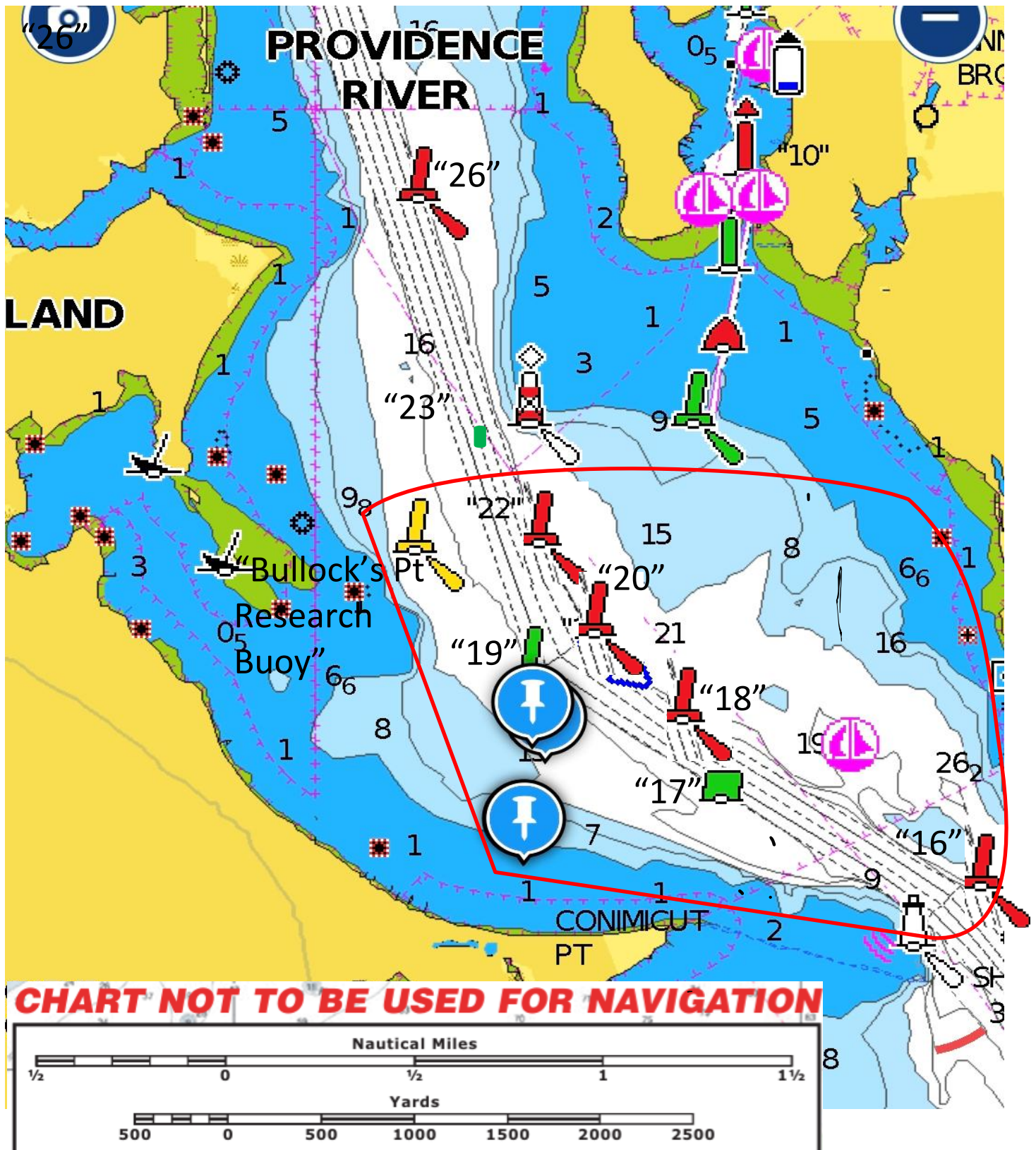


COURSE 5 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

COURSE 5: START – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH

COURSE 6: START – A – C (or GATE) – A – C (or GATE) – FINISH





Addendum B – Conimicut Cup Racing Area